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**MECHI'S**

***CATALOGUE***

OF  
**Cutlery, &c.**

Inventor of  
*the*  
**MAGIC STROP,  
&  
PASTE.**

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**PRICES**

**AND**

**LIST OF ARTICLES**

**MANUFACTURED AND SOLD**

**WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND FOR EXPORTATION,**

**BY**

**MECHI,**

**CUTLER, DRESSING CASE MAKER,**

**AND INVENTOR OF THE CELEBRATED**

**RAZOR, STROPS, & PASTE,**

**No. 4,**

**LEADENHALL STREET,**

**(THE FOURTH HOUSE FROM CORNHILL, SAME SIDE AS THE  
INDIA HOUSE,)**

**LONDON.**

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**MANUFACTORY,**

**12, CAMBRIDGE ROAD, MILE END**

# MECHI'S ADDRESS

## TO HIS CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC.

In returning his grateful thanks to his Customers and the Public for their extensive and increasing patronage, with which he has been favoured since his establishment in 1827, he cannot but feel with honest pride that it is the reward of an enlightened community and public to his spirited exertions as an individual, in breaking through a monopoly, injurious alike to the workmen and the public, and establishing in its stead an upright and liberal system of trade adapted to the times. Regardless in so doing of having raised against himself a host of inveterate enemies in the trade, who, anxious to preserve war-profits in peaceable times, in opposition to right and reason, have limited the labour of the workman by diminishing the demand of the consumer.

To those unacquainted with Mechi's system of doing business, he begs to explain it as follows:

- 1st. *To sell only the very best articles, at a small profit, for ready money.*
- 2d. *To exchange or return the money for any article found defective, without any reserve or mean objection.*
- 3d. By punctuality, by civility, and vigilant attention to the wants of his customers, to endeavour to identify their interest with his own, and thereby merit and increase the extensive trade, patronage, and confidence with which he has already been honoured.

In alluding to the leading articles in his extensive stock, he would particularly request attention to—

- 1st. His very best Penknives, at One Shilling each, and Scissors One Shilling per pair, which, in quality of the steel, are quite equal to those of the most expensive kind.

	<i>s. d.</i>
2d. His celebrated Pair of Razors .. ..	7 0
Ditto, ivory handled ditto .. ..	10 0
His Magic Razor Strop .. ..	5 0
His Magic Strop Paste .. ..	1 0

Those gentlemen who find shaving a painful operation are particularly referred to Mechi's celebrated Remarks on Shaving, &c., at pages 16, 17, and 18; and also please to observe, that the Magic Paste and Magic Strop are vended by 5,000 Perfumers, Stationers, and Druggists throughout the country.

Generally speaking, the London cutlers (and some of the country ones too) decline vending those articles from motives of jealousy. Indeed, some of the most illiberal make a practice of abusing Mechi and his manufactures whenever they have an opportunity of doing so, in no measured terms, for.



getting that their customers have not the same interest as themselves in believing what they say.

Any gentleman, however, requiring a Strop, Razors, or the Magic Paste, has only to give the order to his Stationer, Perfumer, or Druggist, in any part of the United Kingdom, and he may have them *as cheap as if purchased at Mechl's warehouse*; because he allows the trade a liberal profit, and the latter can readily procure them through their London wholesale house, at a very short notice.

3d. His extensive stock of *Table Cutlery*, as per List at page 14. Leading articles—fine Balanced Ivory-handled Table Knives and Forks, at Three Guineas the complete set of Fifty Pieces (say Twelve each large and small Knives and Forks, and One pair of Meat Carvers). Neat Black-handled Knives and Forks £1. 2s. 6d. the set of Fifty Pieces.

4th. His splendid assortment of *Ladies and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases*. Leading articles—Ladies' Cases at £3. 14s. 6d., Gentlemen's Cases at £3. 15s. and £4. 10s. (see pages 6 and 7), and an immense variety of *Work Boxes, Rosewood and Mahogany Writing Desks, Liquor Cases, Card Boxes, &c.*, as per subsequent particulars.

5th. Every pattern in *Leather Dressing and Writing Cases, Portfolios, Portable Pocket Dressing Cases, &c.*, from the smallest to the largest.

6th. His celebrated Cushioned Bagatelle Tables (affording constant employment to several workmen in his factory). Prices at page 10; also Billiard Tables.

7th. His general assortment of Articles necessary at the Table: such as the best plated on steel Forks and Spoons, Toast Racks, Skewers, Dessert Knives in Cases, Patent and Common Corkscrews, Snuffers, Trays, Dish Covers.

8th. His renowned Patent Castellated Tooth Brushes, at 9d. each, either with *real* silver wire or solid backs, finished in a manner superior to those usually sold at 1s. Also his general stock of Hair, Clothes, and Hat Brushes, Soap, and every thing requisite for the Dressing Table.

*New Married Couples, Families, Captains, Military and Nautical Gentlemen proceeding to India or the Colonies, will find Mechl's a very Emporium, in which they can instantly procure almost every article (except clothing and furniture) that a protracted absence from their native country renders necessary.*

## WARRANTED CUTLERY.

**Table, Dessert, & Carving Knives & Forks,**

**As per ½ of Prices at pages 14 and 15.**

## MECHI'S PECULIAR STEEL RAZORS.

Plain and Black Handles	..	each	£0	3	6	
Ditto Common	..	..	..	0	2	6
Ivory Handles	..	..	..	0	3	6
Ditto Superfine	..	..	..	0	5	0
Ditto Silver Ends	..	..	..	0	7	0
Ditto Inlaid	..	..	..	0	8	0
Seven-day Razors, in Cases	..	..	1	5	0	

The character of Mechi's Razors being (during the last six years) so well established, it may be merely necessary to remark, that every razor is stamped "*Exchanged, if not approved,*" with the addition of "*Mechi's Peculiar Steel;*" and it is most particularly requested that no gentleman who has a defective Razor of Mechi's will hesitate to return it *at any period of time*; for the loss of recommendation from such a cause is of infinitely greater importance than the value of a Razor.

## MECHI'S MAGIC RAZOR STROPS,

The largest, best, cheapest, and most finished ever yet presented to the public. Sold by nearly all Stationers, Perfumers, and Druggists throughout the Kingdom.

Small size, for Pouches and Dressing Cases 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d.

Large size, common, 2s. 6d., 3s., and 4s.

Large size, best, 5s., 6s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 12s., and 15s.

The sizes most recommended are the double handle at 6s. 6d., and the single handle at 5s. and 8s. 6d., because they are larger, and the larger the Strop the more readily is the Razor sharpened.

N.B. Most of the London Cutlers and Dressing Case Makers (from jealous motives) decline vending Mechi's Strops & Paste.

## WARRANTED PENKNIVES.

Desk, 1-Blade, Cocoa Handle	..	..	..	0	0	9
Ditto, 1 " Bone	..	..	..	0	1	0
Ditto, 1 " Ivory	..	..	1s. 6d. to	0	4	0
Elegant Pearl Handled	..	..	5s. to	1	0	0
Pocket, 1 Pen Blade, Cocoa Handle	..	..	..	0	1	0
2 Ditto	..	..	..	0	1	6
2 Ditto, Wharnccliffe	..	..	..	0	2	6
3 Ditto ditto	..	..	..	0	3	6
4 Ditto	..	..	..	0	3	6

Ivory, Pearl, and Tortoiseshell, with 1 Blade up to 16, at all prices from 1s. to 1 0 0

Pruning Knives	..	..	1s., 1s. 6d. to	0	3	6
Sporting ditto	..	..	3s. 6d. to	2	10	0
Sailors' ditto	..	..	.. 9d. to	0	2	6
Scissor ditto	..	..	2s. 6d. to	0	5	0
Erasing ditto	..	..	1s. to	0	2	6
Conveyancing ditto	..	..	1s. to	0	5	0

The above form an immense variety of splendid patterns, suited to the economical or expensive.

The Blades of the Shilling Penknives are as good as those more expensively mounted. Any defective will be with pleasure exchanged, Mechi's object being in this, as in all other things, to give perfect satisfaction.

### SCISSORS.

					s. d.	£	s. d.
Cutting Out	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	5 0
Fine and Lace	..	..	..	..	2	0 to 0	15 0
Nail Scissors	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	10 0
Hair ditto	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	5 6
Paper ditto (or Check)	..	..	..	..	2	6 to 0	5 6
Tailors' ditto	..	..	..	..	2	0 to 0	5 0
Trimming ditto (for Horses)	..	..	..	..	2	0 to 0	5 0

**A variety of Patent & Common Corkscrews,**  
Manufactured of a superior quality, and on the true principles  
of easy cork drawing, at all prices from 1s. to 21s.

*N.B. Old Patent Corkscrews fitted with New Screws at  
1s. 9d. each.*

### FANCY STEEL GOODS.

					s. d.	£	s. d.
Watch Chains	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	10 6
Ditto Guards	..	..	..	..	2	0 to 0	10 0
Ditto Keys	..	..	..	..	0	6 to 0	1 0
Ditto Swivels	..	..	..	..	0	9 to 0	2 6
Purses	..	..	..	..	1	3 to 0	15 0
Purse Slides	..	..	..	..	0	6 to 0	3 0
Purse Clasps	..	..	..	..	1	6 to 0	4 6
Reticule ditto	..	..	..	..	3	6 to 0	7 6
Waist Buckles	..	..	..	..	0	9 to 0	5 6
Ditto Clasps	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	7 6
Waistband ditto	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	3 6
Patent Key Rings	..	..	..	..	0	6 to 0	1 6
Engraving Name and Address on ditto	..	..	..	..	—	0	1 3
Common Key Rings	..	..	..	..	0	4 to 0	1 0
Work Table Vices	..	..	..	..	5	6 to 0	10 6

### INSTRUMENTS.

					s. d.	£	s. d.
Folding Boot Hooks	..	..	..	..	3	6 to 0	10 6
Chamber ditto	..	..	..	..	3	6 to 0	12 6
Plated and Steel Tweezers	..	..	..	..	0	6 to 0	2 6
Nail and Corn Files	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	6 6
Tongue Scrapers	..	..	..	..	1	0 to 0	2 6
Piercers	..	..	..	..	0	9 to 0	4 0
Bodkins, Silver and Steel Phial Screws, various.							
Steel Pen Files	..	..	..	..	0	9 to 0	1 0
Nail Nippers	..	..	..	..	3	6 to 0	5 6
Button Hooks	..	..	..	..	0	5 to 0	3 6

## **An extensive Assortment of Patent, Plated, and Common Snuffers,**

Finished by very superior workmen, and combining all the newest and best established principles of action, at various prices, from 1s. to 15s. per pair.

*N.B. Old ones re-polished and thoroughly repaired.*

The greatest variety of

## **STEEL AND PERRYIAN PENS,**

Rhadiographic, Lunar, Peruvian, Polychronographic, Mor-dan's Oblique, Heely and Son's Rhadiographic, and last, not least, Mechi's own Pens.

*N.B.* Mechi having devoted much attention to the best principles of elasticity in Metallic Pens, is enabled to state with confidence, that his Steel Pens (cheap as they are) will be found infinitely superior to the general run of that article.

The great enemy to elasticity in Steel Pens is the want of cleanliness. The glutinous properties of the ink, when the liquid part has evaporated, adhere so closely to the pen, that its springing qualities are entirely suspended. To remedy this, I know of no better method than soaking the pens in water all night, or when not in use, which I believe is the case in some banking houses.

A piece of wet sponge should always be kept in a cup near the inkstand, over which the pen whilst in use should occasionally be drawn to remove the glutine of the ink, and admit of its freely passing down the nib.

## **DRESSING CASES.**

A splendid assortment for Ladies and Gentlemen, elegantly and strongly finished, in Mahogany, Rosewood, Coromandel wood, &c. Brass Bound, or inlaid with Pearl

*N.B. Old ones repaired and re-polished.*

It has ever been a general complaint that, owing to the in-experience of Dressing Case Makers in the manufacture of Cutlery, the instruments in dressing cases (particularly Razors) are mostly of an inferior quality, and totally unfit for use. The well-established character of Mechi's Razors, Pen-knives, Scissors, &c. will be a sufficient guarantee against the possibility of this being the case with those Dressing Cases manufactured by him.

**PRICES.**—Ladies' Dressing Cases, £2. 12s. 6d., £3. 14s. 6d., and upwards to £25.

Gentlemen's ditto ..... ditto ..... upwards to £50.

They are of the most complete description, fitted with Looking Glass, Jewel Drawers, and all other necessary arti-cles, as particularized at foot. Besides being considerably

cheaper than at any other shops, where, credit and ready money business are so injudiciously mixed, the workmanship and quality of the wood are of such a seasoned description, that there is no fear of their being injured by exposure to a warm sun or a hot climate. The highest Cases are mounted in solid silver, and fitted with solid ivory brushes, and other costly articles.

## Morocco and Russia Leather Dressing and Writing Cases, for Travellers, &c.

Either unfurnished (Gentlemen finding their own Instruments), or fitted up with all or any of the following articles, viz. :

Hat, Hair, Clothes, Tooth, Nail, Comb, and Shaving Brushes; Dressing and Small-tooth Combs; Looking Glass; Bottles, &c. for Tooth Powder, Bear's Grease, Oils, Lavender Water, Lip Salve, Washing and Shaving Soap, and the following

### INSTRUMENTS,

Mechi's Best Razors, Hair and Nail Scissors, Penknives, Boot Hooks, Corkscrews, Tweezers, Nail and Corn Files, Button Hooks, Piercers, Punches, Pencil, Toothpick, Pen-holder, &c.

The patterns are so various that it would be impossible to describe each separately; some roll up, others pull off, some are small in compass, for the pocket or travelling bag, and are without the Hair or Clothes Brushes; others, on a larger scale, are more complete. The prices begin at 7s. 6d., 12s., 15s., 20s., 25s., 32s., 40s., 50s., 60s., 70s., 80s., 95s., and go upwards to £15; therefore, gentlemen abroad, or in the country, who wish their friends to purchase for them, should state the price they wish to go to, and, particularly, whether the Hat, Hair, and Clothes Brushes are required, because these very much increase the size and cost of the Cases—and it may be well to mention also, which of the above-named Instruments are required.

The Dressing Cases at £3. 10s. are very complete, and generally approved for their convenient arrangement.

## WRITING CASES

### IN EVERY VARIETY OF PATTERN.

Plain Roan or Mock Russia Cases, with	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Inkstand and Plain Locks	.. 0 18 0	to 1 15 0
Ditto in Russia Leather, with Bramah's		
Patent Locks	.. 1 10 0	— 5 0 0
Turkey Morocco ditto	.. 1 10 0	— 5 0 0

Some of the above are made to combine Dressing Apparatus, which, of course, enhances the price, according to the number of instruments.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Blotting Books (Paper Cases) Plain, Embossed, and with Locks .. .. .	0	3	6	—	0	10	6
Pocket Books .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	3	6
Note Cases .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	3	6
Flat Razor Cases .. .. .	0	1	0	—	0	5	0
Morocco Reticules .. .. .	0	6	6	—	0	12	0
Mock Russia ditto .. .. .	0	3	6	—	0	5	6
Sovereign Purses .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	5	0
Needle Cases .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	4	6
Instrument Cases (Ladies') .. .. .	0	7	0	—	0	15	0
Cigar Cases .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	5	0
Plain Card Cases .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	3	0
Gilt ditto, rich patterns .. .. .	0	2	6	—	0	4	0
Brush Cases, furnished or unfurnished							
Blacking Bottle Cases, various prices, complete, with Pewter Blacking Bottles, and Shoe Brushes for travelling							
Mechi's Box Razor Strop, containing a Pair of best Razors .. .. .	0	14	0	—	0	17	0
Steel, Silk, and Leather Purses .. .. .	0	0	6	—	0	3	0
Banker's Bill Cases .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	10	0
Damp Bed Detectors .. .. .	0	1	9	—	0	5	0
Steel Watch Swivels .. .. .	0	0	9	—	0	1	6
Horse Picks .. .. .	0	1	6	—	0	5	0
Hat Stretchers .. .. .	—				0	6	6

## RAZOR AND PENKNIFE HONES.

A great variety from 1s. to 10s. 6d., comprising some beautiful specimens of Old Rock and German Hones. Some elegantly mounted in Rosewood and Satinwood Cases. It may be inferred from Mechi's extensive practice in Razor and Penknife Setting, that he will be able and willing to give his customers the best Hones.

## Solid Mahogany and Rosewood Portable Writing Desks.

Writing Desks.				£	s.	d.
10-inch Mahogany Desks, French Polished	..	0	14	6		
11-inch ditto .. ..	..	0	15	0		
12-inch ditto .. ..	..	0	18	0		
13-inch ditto .. ..	..	0	19	0		
14-inch ditto .. ..	..	1	1	0		
15-inch ditto .. ..	..	1	2	6		
16-inch ditto .. ..	..	1	4	0		
18-inch ditto .. ..	..	1	7	0		
20-inch ditto .. ..	..	1	10	0		
Rosewood .. ..	16s. up to	9	9	0		
Brass-bound Mahogany, various prices, from 20s. to	8	0	0			
Green Baize Covers .. ..	3s. to	0	4	6		
Leather ditto .. ..	12s. to	0	17	0		

Secret and other Drawers in some of the above; others elegantly inlaid with Pearl, and suitable for presents to Ladies. The quality of the above, in regard to wood and workmanship, may be relied on.

Some of the Desks have Drawers fitted up as Work Boxes, others as Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.

## WORK BOXES.

A great variety in Rosewood, Mahogany, and Leather, plain and inlaid with Brass, Pearl, and Ivory.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Small sizes . . . . .	0 8 0	to 0 14 0
Larger . . . . .	0 15 0	— 1 5 0
Ornamented . . . . .	1 10 0	to 6 0 0
Large Rosewood, lined with Paper . . . . .	0 15 0	— 1 5 0
Russia and Morocco Leather . . . . .	2 0 0	— 3 0 0

They are all warranted to stand well; the style of lining is tasteful, and the Instruments of warranted quality. The linings are various, such as Blue, Amber, Crimson, &c.

*N.B. Old ones re-lined, re-fitted, and polished.*

## TEA CADDIES.

	£ s. d.
Small, without Basin . . . . .	0 9 0
Ditto . . . . .	10s. 6d. to 1 6 0
With Basin . . . . .	0 18 0
Ditto . . . . .	1 1 0
Ditto . . . . .	1 10 0
Elegant Patterns . . . . .	2 5 0
Ditto . . . . .	2 15 0
Beautiful inlaid and modern patterns . . . . .	£4 to 4 10 0

*The Basins richly cut and the work durable.*

## CARD BOXES,

IN ROSEWOOD, PLAIN AND INLAID.

To hold 4 and 6 Packs, with Cribbage Boards, 12s. to £2.

## WATCH STANDS.

	£ s. d.
Plain . . . . .	0 3 6
Inlaid with Pearl . . . . .	0 5 6
Ditto with Brass . . . . .	0 5 6
Stands with Drawer, &c. of a superior description . . . . .	14s. to 0 18 6

## VESTRIS'S BOOT JACKS,

*In imitation of Madame V.'s leg.*

	£ s. d.
Solid Rosewood . . . . .	0 10 0
Ditto with Boot Hooks . . . . .	0 15 0
Solid Mahogany, in the plain style . . . . .	0 12 6

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**JAPANED CASH BOXES.**  
**INKSTANDS.**

Common .. .. . 6d. to 2s. 6d.  
 Patent Screw .. .. . 2s. 6d. — 10s. 6d.  
 Mahogany, Rosewood, Ebony, and Bronze Table Inkstands,  
 from 6s. 6d. to £5 5s.

**INTERESTING AMUSEMENT,**

**BAGATELLE versus BILLIARDS.**

MECHI invites attention to his celebrated BAGATELLE TABLES, which, from the accuracy of their finish, and being cushioned in a most superior manner, render the game capable of such nice calculations as to come into competition with Billiards. They are made in the most durable style of solid well-seasoned Mahogany, the bottoms are panelled in a most durable manner, the same as Billiard Tables; they are complete with superior Cue, Mace, Bridge, and Nine Balls, for playing the four games, and are accompanied with Mech's directions, printed on card-paper. The following prices will be found at least 25 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere, and to save trouble, they are for ready cash, without any abatement.

The Board should always be accompanied by one of MECH's Mahogany Stands, with screw legs, so as to adjust the Boards to a perfect level, let the floor be ever so uneven.

10-feet long, by 3-ft. 0-in. wide, 1½-inch Balls £10 0 0

9-feet long, by 2-ft. 8-in. wide, 1½-inch Balls 9 0 0

8-feet long, by 2-ft. 4-in. wide, 1½-inch Balls 6 10 0

Small Sizes in proportion.

*These are for Public Rooms, Cigar Divans, &c.*

The price of the Stands varies from £1 15s. to £2 10s.

**FOLDING BOARDS** (for Family use), richly French Polished.

8-feet long, by 2-feet wide .. £5 10 0

7-feet long, by 20-inches wide .. 4 10 0

6-feet long, by 18-inches wide .. 3 10 0

Country orders (with a remittance) punctually attended to.

Billiard Tables made to order; old Billiard Tables and Bagatelle Tables re-cushioned and properly repaired. New Cues, Maces, Balls, and Spirit Levels.

**BACKGAMMON BOARDS**

**COMPLETE, WITH DRAFTSMEN, AND BOXES.**

		Red Square.		Black Square.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
10-inch	..	0 9 0	..	0 7 0
13-inch	..	0 11 0	..	0 9 0
15-inch	..	0 14 0	..	0 11 6
18-inch	..	0 17 6	..	0 14 6
23-inch	..	1 1 0	..	0 17 0



**FLAT DRAFT AND CHESS' BOARDS**

		<i>£ s. d.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
10-inch	..		..	0 2 0
12-inch	..	0 4 6	..	0 3 6
14-inch	..	0 5 6	..	0 4 0
16-inch	..	0 6 6	..	0 5 0
18-inch	..	0 7 6	..	0 6 0

**CRIBBAGE BOARDS, 5s. to 15s.****POPE JOAN BOARDS, 8s. 6d. to 30s**

*Domino Boxes, &c. 20 per Cent. under the usual Prices.*

A great variety of Ivory, Bone, and Wood Chessmen, plain or richly carved, at all prices, from 5s. to £8 8s.

**NEEDLES,**

Of the best quality that can be produced, with Drilled, Gold and Silver Eyes, warranted of well-tempered Steel. Ladies and Gentlemen connected with France (where the needles are much esteemed) will do well to try *Mechi's*, price 6d. per Packet of 25.

**MEMORANDUM TABLET.**

	<i>£ s. d.</i>
The Royal Porcelain Tablets (a new effective invention) with Pencil .. .. .	0 2 6
Larger .. .. .	0 3 0
With Pocket and Tuck .. .. .	0 3 0
Embossed .. .. .	0 4 6

**EVER-POINTED PENCILS.**

(Warranted for Twelve Months),

In Silver, at 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d., 6s. 6d., and upwards, with or without reserves of Lead.

Boxes of Leads .. .. . 2s. 6d.

The Common Pencils .. .. . 2s. to 10s. 6d.

**Miscellaneous and Patent Articles.**

Jones's Prometheans (for instantaneous light) 2s. 6d. per Box

Ditto, Lucifer Matches, 1s. 0d.

Wedgwood's Manifold Writers, 3s. 0d. to £3.

*Sporting and Travelling Drinking Horns and Cased Bottles, from 3s. to 25s. in great variety.*

**Mechi's Patent Pen-Making Machine,**

That make a Perfect Pen (slit and all) at one pressure of the thumb, price only 15s. 6d. usually sold at £1.

## Portable Looking and Shaving Glasses,

Plain or tastefully fitted in Rosewood, polished, 3s. up to 15s. They are made on a principle entirely different and superior to the old system.

## Small Pocket and Mouth Glasses.

Which, by being placed in the mouth, reflect in another mirror any defects in the Teeth, which could not otherwise be discerned.

## Silver Guards and Silver Thimbles.

### Ivory and Tortoiseshell Work.

		s. d.	£ s. d.
Shell Card Cases ..	..	3 0 to 1 2 0	
Ivory ditto ..	..	3 0 — 1 10 0	
Needle Cases ..	2s. 6d., 3s.,	3 6 — 0 7 6	
Spectacle Cases ..	..	7 0 — 1 3 6	
Cucumber Slicers ..	..	— 0 15 0	
Shoe Lifters ..	..	1 0 — 0 10 0	
Cotton Winders ..	..	— — —	

*Indian Fans, Boxes, and Ivory Work of every description tastefully repaired, or made to order.*

## Musical Boxes repaired, or Cased in Tortoiseshell.

Splendid solid Ivory Hair Brushes, 30s. each, and Clothes and Hat Brushes in proportion.

## Comfort in Shaving for 6d. a Year, by using Mechi's Magic Razor Strop Paste.

In Packets at 6d. and 1s. each, with printed Instructions for use, and for easy shaving.

This is the cheapest and most effective Composition ever invented for giving a perfect, keen, and smooth edge to Razors, Penknives, and Surgical Instruments. It may be applied to the oldest Razor Strops in an easy manner, and a 1s. Cake will last for two or three years. By using it, tens of thousands have been relieved from pain, inconvenience, and loss of time; and it is patronized by the most eminent judges in various parts of the world.

*N.B.—The money returned if not approved.*

Sold by 5,000 Perfumers, Stationers, and Druggists.

## Brushes, Combs, &c. of warranted quality,

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## 'PECULIAR STEEL' TABLE CUTLERY.

Shopkeepers, Merchants, Captains, Traders, Coffee-House Keepers, Families, New-married couples, and others, who require supplies of TABLE CUTLERY, and are desirous of saving their money as well as *having what can be depended upon*, will find the undermentioned Prices cheaper than at any Wholesale Warehouse in London, or even in Sheffield. A Stock of £1000 worth to choose from.

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No.	Very neat Ivory Handle, not balanced	1 3 6	0 18 6	0 5 0	2 7 0
112	Ditto Octagon Handle, ditto	1 8 6	1 1 6	0 6 0	2 16 0
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869	Carved Ivory, with Silver Ferrules, balanced	3 0 0	2 10 0	3 12 0	6 2 0
876					
REAL STAG AND BUCK HORN.					
222	Real Stag Horn	1 2 0	0 19 6	0 5 6	2 7 0
407	Real Buck Horn	0 15 6	0 12 6	0 4 6	1 11 6
WHITE BONE HANDLES.					
184	Handsome Octagon Pattern	0 16 6	0 14 6	0 3 6	1 14 6

Those who require Knives without Forks will please to observe they are two-thirds the price of the Knives and Forks, that is, double the price of the Forks. Poultry Carvers same prices as Meat Carvers.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
B B Handsome Octagon, Black Horn, balanced	1	1	6	0	16	0	0	4	6	2	3	0
81 Ditto .. not balanced	0	16	6	0	14	6	0	3	6	1	14	0
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An immense variety, on the most approved principles, at 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d.; and in Ivory handles at 5s. 6d. each, either two rollers or cross barred. Also table steels of a new and very powerful description, at 4s. and 4s. 6d. each. Round of Beef, Ham, and other Slicing and Carving Knives.—Butchers' Knives, Cooks' Knives, Poulterers' Knives.

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Warranted to wear equal to silver, provided it is properly cleaned, say with the finest Plate Powder and a Plate Leather.

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Candlesticks (per pair)	7	0	to 12	0	Sugar Basins	..	..	5	6 to 10
Teapots (each)	6	0	— 12	0	Table Spoons (per dozen)	..	..	—	12
Coffee Pots	10	0	— 16	0	Tea ditto (ditto)	..	..	—	6
Cream Ewers	3	9	— 5	6	Snuffer Trays (each)	..	..	3	0 upwards

The brilliancy and elegant patterns of Mech's Albion Plate will vie with the finest polished Silver goods, and wear throughout the same to the last. The Teapots, &c. are warranted not to sink in, or lose their shape, as is the case with many sorts of common metal, called Britannia Metal.

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Snuffers .. .. .	0	5	6	to	1	10
Nut Crackers .. ..	0	4	0	—	0	10
Folding Boot Hooks ..	0	6	0	—	0	10
Tweezers .. .. .	0	2	0	—	0	3
Button Hooks .. ..	0	2	0	—	0	4
Bottle Corks, per pair ..	0	1	6	—	0	2
Decanter Labels, per pair	0	1	6	—	0	2
Decanter Stands, per pair	1	2	0	—	1	10
Snuffer Trays .. ..	0	14	0	—	1	5
Candlesticks, per pair ..	0	18	0	—	2	0
Cheese Scoops .. ..	0	2	0	—	0	7
Vegetable Forks .. ..	—	—	—	—	0	12
Knife Rests, per pair ..	0	6	0	—	0	10
Toasting Forks .. ..	0	3	0	—	0	4

Plate Leathers, Plate Powder, Table and Plate Brushes.

## VERY SUPERIOR SKAITS,

Either with or without Straps, on the most approved principles, and warranted of Mechi's peculiar Steel.

ALSO THE PATENT SKAITS.

## A HINT TO TRAVELLERS.

Most gentlemen who travel (particularly in foreign parts) are desirous to be as little encumbered as possible.

*The Soap Dish is a nuisance*, and generally renders a Dressing Case inconveniently large. This may be easily dispensed with (and advantageously too) by first wetting the beard with the shaving-brush, then rubbing a cake of soap over it, and afterwards, by means of the brush and a little more water raising a lather which, in efficacy and facility of shaving, will far surpass all others.

A small piece of Naples Soap, the size of a pea, spread on the chin will, with the assistance of the brush and a little water, produce a similar result.

Indeed, to all shavers, I recommend this, whether travelling or not, as the best means of easy shaving; for how frequently

is time wasted in raising a lather in the *dish* (where it is not wanted) in lieu of doing it *on the face*, where a good deal of friction and soap is *indispensably necessary*.

One trial alone of the above plan will bring conviction to the most strenuous advocate of the *dish* system.

It may be well to remark, that to avoid having the lather thick or thin *in the extreme*, I dip my brush in water, giving it a gentle shake, which throws off the superfluity, and leaves enough to raise the soap on the face to a consistent lather.

Where the soap is glutinous, the surface of beard extensive, or the brush small, a second or even a third recourse to the basin may be necessary during the process. The cake of soap quickly rubs away on the face, the beard acting as a file.

I think I may remark that, generally speaking, there is *too much* rubbing in the dish, and *too little* on the face.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USING **MECHI'S MAGIC STROP PASTE,** AND FOR EASY SHAVING.

Be sure first to *scrape off all the Old Composition* from the Strop, which may be easily done with the back of a knife. Then rub the Cake of Paste lightly over the Strop till it is covered, observing that the **SMALLEST QUANTITY** that will do is sufficient (too much will make it lie in ridges). After this rub the surface with any thing round and smooth, such as a glass phial. It will be fit for use in twenty-four hours. Always strop your Razor *after shaving* to prevent rust on the edge; taking care to press most *on the back*. Fresh Paste should be applied once a month.

In turning the Razor in stropping, be sure to keep the back down on the Strop, changing at the same time the position of your hand and arm, both of which must act freely as high as the elbow. A cramped hand does not answer for stropping a Razor properly: a light, free, brisk action far surpasses a dull heavy stroke.

When the Strop becomes notched or uneven, it is no longer fit for use. In fact, so easily are the Teeth of a good Razor disturbed, that *only once* stropping it on an improper composition will destroy its fine edge and make it painful to shave with. If you shave from heel to point of the Razor, strop it from point to heel; but if you begin with the point, then strop from heel to point. Those who have not one of **MECHI'S SCIENTIFIC STROPS**, will do well before shaving to strop the Razor on the fleshy part of the hand, and then upon a small piece of dry clean wash leather (plate-leather).

A Razor that is badly tempered, can never maintain its fine edge even during one shaving. The practice of pressing on the edge of a Razor in stropping, generally rounds it; it should be directed to the back, which must never be raised from the

**Strop.** It would be better not to strop your Razor at all, than to do so hastily or carelessly; when the Razor is once in good condition a few strokes on the Strop will keep it so, with a stiff beard, but for a light and tender face, stropping once or twice a week is sufficient; but the hand or wash-leather should be used every day. If you *only once* put away your Razor without stropping, you must no longer expect to shave well the soap and damp so soon rust the fine teeth. A piece of plain-leather should be always kept with the Razors.

The operation of shaving is in effect precisely that of mowing. We may compare the stiff beard to coarse grass, and the Razor to the scythe. The mower would cut but little did he not, frequently, by using the stone, renovate the edge of the instrument: the same remark applies to the shaver. Experience convinces me, however, that many have never drawn the comparison, or they would not continue to labour away for years on an old disfigured Strop, from which every particle of composition must have long since been worn off, or at all events have lost its cutting properties; for the composition, which should consist of sharp cutting angles, wears away as well as the Razor. Besides, the Strop, by being frequently laid down without its case, absorbs all sorts of dust and grit (injurious in the extreme to a smooth edge), and requires occasional scraping, which may be best done by the back of a knife. Light silky beards require a keen, thin, elastic edge: stiff gristly beards, on the contrary, require a stronger edge, with but little elasticity.

The method of holding a Razor has a material influence in shaving. Although back and edge is the usual way, I am decidedly of opinion that it is very inferior to holding the tang or end of the Razor *flat* between the two fore-fingers and thumb, which prevents the *vacillation* that would otherwise take place from the resistance of a strong beard, and which the first mentioned principle of holding cannot avoid. You are less liable to cuts, the control over the Razor being more effective.

*Never fail to well wash your beard with soap and cold water*, immediately, before you apply the lather, of which the more you use the easier you will shave. *Never use warm water*, which makes a tender face. Place the Razor (closed of course) in your pocket, or under your arm, to warm it. In order to shave very clean, it is sometimes necessary to lather and go over your beard a second time. The moment you leave your bed is the best time to shave; always putting your shaving brush away with the lather on it.

The Razor (being only a very fine saw) should be moved in a sloping or sawing direction, holding it *nearly flat* to your face, care being taken to *draw the skin as tight as possible* with the left hand, so as to present an even surface to throw out the beard.











